

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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FROM: AG

DATE: 21 Sep 93

SUBJECT: GAO Announcement: Survey of CIM Initiative  
(GAO Code 510943)

Reference: GAO Memo, no subject, 13 Sep 93

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1. The GAO is beginning a survey of the Department's CIM initiative based on a congressional request. The announcement memorandum is enclosed for your information. During this survey phase, GAO will accomplish the following objectives:

- a) review the status of the CIM initiative,
- b) assess DoD's plans to address past implementation obstacles, improve management and oversight, and redirect CIM to enhance success and,
- c) determine if the information technology budget of \$9.3B is in keeping with the CIM initiative.

2. An entrance briefing is scheduled for 27 Sep 93 at 1530 hours, Crystal Gateway 2, Suite 910. Please identify a representative from the Center for Information Management to attend this briefing. Your CIM audit focal point has been apprised of this effort.

3. The point of contact for this action is Ms. Sandra Leicht. If you have questions on this survey, please contact her on (703) 692-2172.

1 Enclosure a/s

*for* *SJ Leicht*  
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The Honorable Les Aspin  
The Secretary of DefenseAttention: DOD Office of the Inspector General  
Director for GAO Surveys and Reviews

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is to advise you that, in response to a congressional request, we are initiating a survey of the Department's Corporate Information Management (CIM) initiative. Our objectives are to (1) assess the status of the CIM initiative, (2) evaluate the Department's plans to address past implementation problems, improve management and oversight of the initiative, and in general redirect CIM to enhance its chances for success, and (3) determine if the Department's \$9.3 billion information technology budget is consistent with the objectives of the CIM initiative.

We plan to perform our work under assignment code 510943 at headquarters offices of the Secretary of Defense, Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), military services, and other locations as necessary. To avoid duplication, this survey will be coordinated with other ongoing CIM work within this division and our Accounting and Information Management Division (AIMD).

Your cooperation and assistance during this survey will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact John Stephenson, Assistant Director, at (202) 512-6225 or Vic Zangla, Assistant Director at (202) 512-8857. We are sending a copy of this letter to the Secretaries of Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the Director of DISA.

Sincerely yours,

  
fr Frank C. Conahan  
Assistant Comptroller General

Enclosure